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Many of the papers in this volume, it is believed, will be found to possess more than usual interest. The Andrews correspondence, covering the period of the "Siege of Boston," conveys a lively picture of the time, and cannot fail to be regarded as of great historical value. It has been compiled and edited from the original letters by our Corresponding Member, WINTHROP SARGENT, Esq., of New York. These original letters

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